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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, Applicants wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO/SB/08A & B. Applicants do not admit that the references are "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, and specifically reserve the right to traverse or antedate any such references. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicants' duty to disclose all information of which they are aware and believe relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

### **I. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b>Patent No.</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Title</b>
6,074,692 to HULETT	June 13, 2000	Method of Making MEA for Pem/Spa Fuel Cell
6,197,147 B1 to BÖNSEL <i>et al.</i>	March 6, 2001	Process for Continuous Production of Membrane-Electrode Composites
6,998,149 B2 to KÖHLER <i>et al.</i>	February 14, 2006	Process for Producing a membrane Electrode Assembly for Fuel Cells
6,500,217 B1 to STARZ, <i>et al.</i>	December 31, 2002	Process for Applying Electrode Layers to a Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Strip for fuel Cells

### **II. U.S. PATENT PUBLICATIONS**

<b>Publication No.</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
US 2002/064593 A1 to KOHLER, <i>et al.</i>	May 30, 2002	Process for Producing Membrane Electrode Assembly for Fuel Cells

### **III. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b>Publication No.</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>
EP 1 037 295 Derwent Record	EPO	13 June 2001
EP 1 198 021 A2 Derwent Record	EPO	17 April 2002
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WO 97/23919 Derwent Record	WIPO	3 July 1997
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#### **IV. NON PATENT PUBLICATIONS**

International Search Report for PCT/EP2004/006849 dated 24 January 2005.

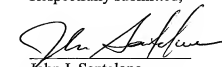
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The EP patent documents (EP 1 037 295 B1 and EP 1 198 021 A2) and WIPO document (WO 97/23919) cited above in section III are French and German language references. Applicants have provided U.S. family members in English for the convenience of the examiner. The Derwent Records for these references were also provided.

FRENCH AND GERMAN LANGUAGE REFERENCES	ENGLISH LANGUAGE FAMILY MEMBERS
EP 1 198 021 A2 (French)	US Patent No. 6,998,149 B2
EP 1 037 295 B1 (French)	US Patent No. 6,500,217 B1
WO 97/23919 (German)	US Patent No. 6,197,147 B1

Because no action has been taken on the merits, Applicants submit that no fee is due at this time. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

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